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January 24, 2002

Ms. Renata B. Hesse Antitrust Division U. S. Department of Justice 601 D Street NW - Suite 1200 Washington, D.C. 20530-0001

Dear Ms. Hesse:

I am writing to express my support for the proposed settlement between the State of Michigan and Microsoft in the Department of Justice Antitrust action against Microsoft. Thank you for your reviewing my comments.

The State of Michigan has decided to join with eight other states in agreeing to the terms of the Microsoft settlement which was announced on November 2, 2001. I am writing to express my support for this settlement.

By agreeing to end this lawsuit, over three years of debate will be brought to an end. I feel the terms of this settlement are fair, which is evidenced by the bi-partisan group of Attorneys General who have endorsed it. Not only will a quick settlement be good for the economy, it will also benefit consumers. Average Americans will benefit by having other software available on their personal computers. This will allow for greater competition, and help to generate new ideas for the next generation of software.

I appreciate the efforts of the Department of Justice in bringing this action to a quick resolution. Again, thank you for considering my support.

Bill Schuette State Senator

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